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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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— My invention has several advantages over the prior art. First, the central server has ubiquitous access to all subscriber devices within the PSTN. Second, data delivery does not require a call be established between the central server and subscriber devices and does not utilize the PSTN/SPCS switching fabric. As a result, switch congestion is avoided and the speed of data delivery is increased. Third, my invention provides an efficient method and means for the central server to broadcast data to multiple subscribers throughout the PSTN. ~~Forth~~ Fourth, my invention accounts for number portability issues. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 49, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Methods and systems are disclosed for transferring service application data from a server to a subscriber device via the PSTN without establishing a call between the server and subscriber device and without the PSTN switching components having inherent knowledge as to the data content. The server defines a generic request message, which contains the service application data and data delivery instructions. This generic request message is delivered to the subscriber's terminating switch, which subsequently delivers the service application data to the subscriber ~~subscriber~~ based on the data delivery instructions. The terminating switch then defines a generic response message and delivers it to the server, informing the server as to status of the data delivery. ~~Similary~~ Similarly, methods and systems are also taught for broadcasting data from a server to a plurality of devices via the PSTN.--